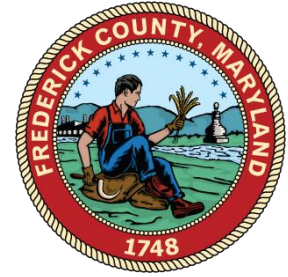




March 6, 2019

5:00 – 6:00 pm

### Minutes



Present: Ron Kaltenbaugh, Chair, John Ferri, Vice Chair, Elizabeth Peterson, Secretary, Jennifer Bird, Betty Law, Joe Richardson, Mark Sankey, Kevin Sellner, Bill Steigelman, Elizabeth Van Dolah (via phone),

OSER: Dawn Ashbacher

Council Liaison: Kai Hagan

FCSC usually meets the third Wednesday of the month. The February 20, 2019 meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm. This meeting is a make-up meeting for that date.

Ron Kaltenbaugh called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

John asked for approval of the January 2019 minutes. Liz P. clarified the order of discussion on the LEED program as presented by Dawn Ashbacher. On page three of the minutes under Concerns regarding the LEED program, the wording is: "tied to Livable Frederick is important, it is a live document". Betty made a motion to accept the minutes with this modification, seconded by Bill. 7 approved, 1 abstention.

Ron distributed the updated FCSC member roster which has contact information and areas of expertise/interest of each member.

Kevin Sellner distributed a rough schedule of the Green Neighbor Festival (GNF) to be held April 30 – May 4 2019 at Hood College and Culler Lake in Frederick. The website: <https://secure.hood.edu/greenneighborfestival> has more information.

The plan includes: April 30 a Technical Synthesis of the Monocacy Panel; May 1 Forum on Green Policy in Frederick County; May 2 Green Jobs/Career Fair and family movie night featuring "March of the Penguins"; May 4 GNF at Culler Lake – vendors, food trucks, booths, bluegill release, sustainable bike ride, etc.

Any volunteer help is welcome and any suggestions of vendors or other participants is wanted.

One particular need is an expert on non-point water pollution.

Hood College asks for OSER support both in providing a booth as well as publicity and other forms of strategic support and net working

Dawn related that volunteer help is needed for the Home Show at the Fairgrounds March 16, 17. Volunteers would help “man” the OSER booth at the show – providing information to the public on the various OSER programs. The Green Homes Challenge recognition is March 28. All FCSC members are invited and this is where the winners of the Sustainability Awards will be announced by Jan Gardner and Ron Kaltenbaugh.

The OSER newsletter has been distributed. Anyone who has not received it should contact Dawn to be put on the mailing list.

Livable Frederick is holding sessions for public input and FSCS input would be most appreciated. John Ferri will coordinate any commissioner comments and draft a letter for FSCS review to be sent to Livable Frederick and the Council. Send any comments to John by March 13, he will send FCSC a draft letter by March 18. FCSC discussion of the letter will take place at the March 20 meeting. The Livable Frederick document can be found on line.

#### Sustainability Award discussion – 3 categories

Commercial – there were three entries: Black Ankle Vineyards, The Common Market Coop and McClintock Distillery. After much discussion, McClintock Distillery was unanimously chosen to receive the award. They are a small business in Frederick with innovative approaches to sustainable practices using Maryland grains. They have designed a unique wastewater recycling system which they have made available to the public; they are changing the future of distilling.

Non-profit – there were four entries: City of Frederick Sustainability Committee; Downtown Litter Group, Downtown Frederick Partnership; Fox Haven Farm Retreat and Learning Center; Frederick Oktoberfest/Rotary Club of Carroll Creek; and the City of Frederick was unanimously chosen. Implementing sustainable approaches while increasing affordable housing to the city impressed the commission.

Individual – three entries: Cynthia K Unangst of Middletown, Elizabeth McCook of Urbana High School, George C. Rudy of Frederick (deceased) and Elizabeth McCook, Jim Smith and Joe Richardson.

Since Joe Richardson is a member of the FCSC he was recused. It should be noted that Joe asked that his name be removed from the award nomination so that the nomination reads: Elizabeth McCook and Jim Smith.

John proposed that a separate award be created to recognize an individual who is deceased but needs to be recognized for their tremendous contribution to Frederick County. FCSC will discuss this special award at the next meeting: March 20. This way the current Individual award could be designated to go to one who is currently active in the community, while still recognizing the incredible work of one who has recently died. It was also suggested that the Sustainability award be named in George Rudy's name. This idea was also tabled until the March 20 meeting.

Again much discussion. The Commission decided to recognize Elizabeth McCook and Jim Smith with 7 in favor. These teachers incorporated many innovative, inclusive and hands-on approaches to teaching the students at Urbana High about composting issues.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm